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They shook hands and went their respective ways, both reflecting upon the scene they had just left, the Vicar in a matter-of-fact manner feeling somewhat annoyed with both Mrs. Graze and the Baronet, and Sir Richard with an uneasy feeling, stirred by a blow at conscience.

The Chile-Argentina Convention on Naval Armaments.

Signed at Santiago de Chile, May 28, 1902.

Met at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Don Francisco Vergara Donoso, Minister of the Department, and Don José Antonio Terry, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Argentine Republic, have agreed to incorporate in the following Convention the different conclusions which have been reached for the limitation of the naval armaments of the two republics, conclusions which have been brought about through the good offices and on the initiative of the government of his Britannic Majesty, represented in Chile by his Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. J. A. Lowther, and in the Argentine Republic by his Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Sir W. A. C. Barrington.

- 1. With the purpose of removing every cause of alarm or suspicion in either country, the governments of Chile and of the Argentine Republic desist from having completed the ships of war which they now have in construction and from procuring for the present further ships. Both governments agree, furthermore, to decrease their respective fleets. To this end they will continue their negotiations until they reach an agreement providing for a proper equivalence between the said fleets. This decrease shall be made within a year from the date of the exchange of ratifications of the present Convention.
- 2. The two governments agree not to augment their naval armaments for five years, without notice of the intention to do so, on the part of either, being given to the other eighteen months in advance. All armaments for the fortification of coasts and ports, it is understood, are excluded from this agreement, the power being reserved of acquiring any floating machines destined exclusively for the defense of these, as submarine boats, etc.

3. The alienation of vessels to which this Convention may give rise shall not be made to countries having disputes pending with either of the contracting parties.

4. In order to facilitate the transfer of the pending contracts, both governments pledge themselves to prolong by two months the time which they have stipulated for the delivery of the respective vessels in construction. For this they will give the proper instructions in the act by which this Convention is approved.

5. The ratifications of this Convention shall be exchanged within sixty days, or sooner if possible, and the exchange shall take place in this city of Santiago.

In testimony whereof, the undersigned have set their hands and seals to this Convention, in duplicate, in the city of Santiago this 28th day of the month of May, 1902.

(Signed) J. F. VERGARA DONOSO. J. A. TERRY.

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